EARLY DAYS OF THE G.A.R.

The Work of Dr. Stephenson and His Assistants in Founding the

Order—Illinois's Claim.

By ROBERT MANN WOODS.

erigin and establishment of the Grand der informed me that the Doctor thought it ought to be as voluminous have been authoritatively and satisfac- as the Constitution of the United States. torily settled by the Report of the Com- Dr. Stephenson sent it to Decatur for the sessions of that committee at Philadelphia, at Detroit and at Milwaukee, after exhaustive research and the promittee on Seniority of Departments at revision, but Capt. Kanan, Commander after exhaustive research and the pro- ened the Ritual. This Constitution was Quartermaster-General of the Departduction of convincing records. The re- the one under which we worked from ment, and was appointed Inspectorport of the committee was unanimously April 1, 1866.

I had the Constitution and By-Laws good work because of his appointment adopted by the National Encampment printed, early in May, by Capt. George by Dr. Stephenson, at Milwaukee, which fixed the seniority R. Webber, and began the distribution of the month of as follows: First, Illinois; second, Wis- of these to the various Posts May 16, Stephenson commissioned Col. T. C. consin; third, Pennsylvania; fourth, 1866. Ohio, etc.

But in 1901, in the Report of the Proceedings of the Department of In- first week in April. diana, there appears a report, signed! During the month of May we charby Gen. R. S. Foster, Gen. J. R. Carna- tered eight Posts and eight Districts in District. han and Comrade William H. Arm- Illinois. Col. Webber, A. D. C., made strong, which was approved and adopted by the Department of Indiana, in 25, to Chicago, Joliet, Morris, Ottawa, La W. T. Jones, Commander; Col. Ben which it is broadly asserted in many Salle and Freeport; the second from May Gresham and Col. Ed. Mathey. They different ways and specifications that 15 to June 15, to Lincoln, Pontiac, Joliet, were chartered by Dr. Stephenson, and the Department of Indiana was the first to give life and vigor to the Grand Army of the Republic, and was not only the first Department organized Carbondale and Cairo; the third, June 26 to July 11, to Quincy, Macomb, Carbondana finally brought Gen. R. S. only the first Department organized, Galesburg, Monmouth, Peoria, Lacon Foster from Indianapolis to see Dr. having the first actual Department and Hennepin. Lieut. John S. Phelps, Stephenson, while I was absent organ-Commander and the first Assistant Ad- A. D. C., made several trips, establish- izing the Department of Missouri jutant-General, but that it had the first Adjutant-General, but that it had the first Hillsboro, April 28; at Carlinville, April Wilson to Springfield. They seem, from Adjutant-General of the National Or- 8; at Pana, May 7; at Shelbyville, May Wilson's book, to have held the same

to publish a book, called "The History viess County. Maj. Anthony Neustadt campment of Indiana, April 16, 1901 of the Grand Army of the Republic organized Post No. 13 at Alton, May 14. Under Its First Constitution and Rit-July 12, 1866, Delegates from 60 Posts tory of the formation of this grand Order that it becomes necessary to make

Gen. John M. Palmer Department Coman assumption was never claimed or them.

The Department of Illinois being now Indiana. I obligated Messrs Wilson years a statement of the actual conditions duly organized, let us turn our attenwhich obtained at the time in question, tion to our efforts to organize the Grand that those not knowing the actual facts Army of the Republic in other States. may not be misled, and to justify the finding and decision of the National Encampment and the rule of seniority as now established

The First Steps.

established at Springfield, Ill., April 1, Gen. Benj. F. Potts. I appointed him The first order ever issued is as fol- ment, and issued the following order: "Headquarters Department of Illi-

nois, Grand Army of the Republic, Ad-

jutant-General's Office, Springfield, Ill., Springfield, May 4, 1866.

Springfield, May 4, 1866.

"Brevet Maj.-Gen. B. F.

ter-General.

Chief-of-Staff.

General (P. O. Box 84). "Capt. John A. Lightfoot, A. A. G. "Lieut. John S. Phelps, A. D. C.
"By order of B. F. Stephenson, Com-

manding Department. "Robert M. Woods, Adjutant-General. During the month of April, 1866, eight Posts and five Districts were organized as follows:

"Grand Army of the Republic, De-partment of Illinois.

To all whom it may concern, greeting: Know ye, that the Commander of the Department of Illinois, reposing jutant-General's Office, Springfield, May special trust and confidence in the patriotism and fidelity of M. F. Kanan, G. R. Steele, Geo. H. Dunning, I. C. Pugh, J. H. Nale, J. T. Bishop, C. Reib
Grand Army of the Republic in the gathered up in manuscript from his coat pockets, from his office desk and from his residence, and placed in Gen. same, J. W. Routh, B. F. Sibley, J. N. State of Wisconsin. Coltrin, Joseph Prior and A. Toland, ter members of an Encampment of the these Headquarters until otherwise or-Grand Army of the Republic, to be dered, known as Post No. 1, of Decatur, Disto do and perform all acts necessary to conduct and carry on said organiza- manding Department. tion in accordance with the Constitu- "Robert M. Woods, Adjutant-General." Maj. Oliver M. Wilson was the first tion of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The original record book, now in possession of Dunham Post, No. 141, at Michigan from Springfield. May 9 we Decatur, Ill., has the following notes under the record of Post No. 1:

"Sent Constitution by mail, May 14.

Michigan from Springneid. May 9 we authorized, by Special Order, No. 3, Capt. H. E. Howe, of Toledo, Ohio, to organize a District and Post in Detroit, herein set forth, with the writing of the work in the set forth, with the work in the work in the set forth, with the set forth, with the work in the set forth. "Sent Constitution by mail, May 14.

Sent Charter by mail, May 16.

"April 10, Post No. 2, Springfield,
Gen. T. S. Mather, Com.

"April 13, Dist. of Will, Capt. A. McIntosh, Com.

"April 13, Post No. 3, Morris, Col. H.

Day Com.

"April 13, Post No. 3, Morris, Col. H.

"April 14.

Organize a District and Post in Detroit, Mich. May 17 I had the honor to issue a commission to Col. Lloyd Wheaton to organize and establish Districts and Posts at Kalamazoo and such other places in Michigan as he might deem expedient. I felt so sure that Michibut with this material he was unable but with this material he was unable to place the foundation.

District of Stephenson, Gen. B. Dorn- Quartermaster-General, went to St. "April 21, Post No. 6, Bunker Hill, Capt. W. O. Jenks, Com. W. Armstrong, Com.

Thos. Phillips, Com. John I. Rinaker, Com." 2, was issued as follows:

"Headquarters Department of Illi-nois, Grand Army of the Republic, Springfield, Ill., May 1, 1866. officers will be appointed under Section 9 of Article 3 of the Constitution, and their names reported to these Head-quarters, viz:

Capt. A. T. Andreas, a charter, and they organized the Department July 24, 1866. This charter is now in the possession of Comrade R. B. Beath, who will turn it over to the care of the Na-Surgeon, Post Chaplain, Officer of the papers.

Day, Officer of the Guard.

ent at all assemblies of the command and officiate in the proper duties of his

manding Department.

known as Districts, State organizations to be known as Departments, and the National organization, to be known as the Grand Army of the Republic. It provided for a Council of Administration, dues and revenue, and reports from Posts, Districts and Departments.

Justine General's Omce, Springheid, Inc., Shelly, Assistant Adjutant-General.

Shelly, Assistant Adjutant-General.

And now comes the seventh Department to organize and select its Provisional Department Commander and other officers; viz:

"Said Districts and Posts will make Indiana.—Organized Aug. 20, by

All the questions connected with the It was so short that Dr. Stephenso

The Rituals were printed at Decatur,

3: at Litchfield, April 24; at Jerseyville. This report, the truth of which not having been officially denied, has emboldened one of the Indiana comrades to publish a book called "The History".

I at Elicineta, April 27, at established the report of Gen. Foster, indorsed by Gen. James R. Carnahan and Comrade William H. Armstrong and adoption and the report of Gen. Foster, indorsed by Gen. James R. Carnahan and Comrade William H. Armstrong and adoption of the light of the report of Gen. Foster, indorsed by Gen. James R. Carnahan and Comrade William H. Armstrong and adoption of the light of the report of Gen. Foster, indorsed by Gen. James R. Carnahan and Comrade William H. Armstrong and adoption of the light of the report of Gen. Foster, indorsed by Gen. James R. Carnahan and Comrade William H. Armstrong and adoption of the light of the report of Gen. Foster, indorsed by Gen. James R. Carnahan and Comrade William H. Armstrong and adoption of the light of the

In May, 1866, Commander-in-Chief dispatched Adj't-Gen. Woods to neighboring States to organize Departments. I went to Columbus, The Grand Army of the Republic was Ohio, where I met, by appointment, Provisional Commander of the Depart-

"Special Order, No. 5. "Headquarters Department of Ill-

"Brevet Maj.-Gen. B. F. Potts is hereereby announced on duty at these leadquarters:

"Col. Jules C. Webber, A. D. C. and hief-of-Staff.

"Col. John M. Snyder, Quartermas"Col. John M. Snyder, Quartermas"The boys have don't seem to and served until Feb. 1, 1865. He then contains the state of the state of the conversation was in lamentation that he could not get the boys to take hold of it."

"I met other soldiers there, among the march of the same time and place in the marine Brigade Light Artillery, until the Department of Ohio is organized and transferred to it by order from the state of the could not get the boys to take hold of it."

"I met other soldiers there, among the march of the same time and place in the same and transferred to it by order from er said: "The boys here don't seem to 'Maj. Robert M. Woods, Adjutant- these Headquarters. "By order of B. F. Stephenson, Com-

manding Department. Robert M. Woods, Adjutant-General."

at Carrollton, his residence, and pushed (Gen. Webber was Dr. Stephenson's A. the organization vigorously in Ohio. In Wisconsin.

May 28, 1866, I went to Madison, Wis. I got together, in the State House, Provisional Department Commander, the Grand Army of the Republic.' and issued the following:

"Special Order, No. 12. "Headquarters Department of Illi- tion could be made." nois, Grand Army of the Republic, Ad-

"The Districts and Posts thus organ- Indiana." does, by the authority in him vested, empower and constitute them as char-

"Mr. Rowell will report the names trict of Macon, Department of Illinois, of officers and charter members and and they are hereby constituted as said Post, and authorized to make by-laws for the government of said Post, and Post established to these for the government of said Post, and the date of organization of each Discommander, and there had not been nor the government Commander of the Grand Post established to these for the government Commander of the Grand Post established to these for the government Commander of the Grand Post established to these for the government Commander of the Grand Post established to these for the government of said Post, and the commander of the Grand Post established to these for the government of said Post, and the commander of the Grand Post established to the commander of the government of the commander of the commander of the government of the commander of the comm "By order of B. F. Stephenson, Com-

"Done at Springfield, Ill., this sixth called "Soldiers and Sailors' League," by Gen. Foster. He was also the first were called together June 7, 1866, and Adjutant-General of the National Or-

In Michigan.

On Aug. 1 Col. John M. Snyder, mind."

ment of Minnesota, appointing Gen. On May 1, 1866, General Orders, No. , was issued as follows:

"General Orders, No. 2.

"Headquarters Department of IIIIcame to Springfield. On July 12 we issued to him and his associates, Col. R. M. Littler, Gen. J. B. Leake, Lieut. Grand Army of the Republic, issued to him and his associates, Col. gfield, Ill., May 1, 1866.

R. M. Littler, Gen. J. B. Leake, Lieut. O. S. McNeill, Capt. N. N. Tyner and Districts and doing Grand Army work: organization of this Army the following Capt. A. T. Andreas, a charter, and

arters, viz:
"Assistant Post Commander, Post tional Encampment with other original June 27 we issued Special Order, No.

"IV. The Post Chaplain will be present at all assemblies of the command officiate in the proper duties of his ffice.

"By order of B. F. Stephenson, Commanding Department."

"Official: Robert M. Woods, Adjuart Adjuart Commander, Commander McNeill as Department Commander, Commander McNeill as Department Commander, Commander, Commander McNeill as Department Commander, Comma

manding Department.

wrote that he could not find time to tion of Col. A. J. Hawhe in his place,

which we did. Col. Hawhe organized some Posts but failed to make any reports. But I General, so that I have no doubt he did

In the month of June, 1866, Dr. Crawford, of Terre Haute, to organize Posts in Indiana. No reports were ever under supervision of Lieut. John S. received from Col. Crawford. As he Phelps, A. D. C., and were finished the appeared at the Department Encampsume he organized some Posts in the

On May 23, 1866, the District of Har-

conversation with the same persons.

states in substance as follows:

Indiana, I obligated Messrs. Wilson, he got a blank charter.)'

During all my interviews with Dr. Stephenson he never once alluded to any Grand Army organization in Illinois or anywhere else. He left the imnois, Grand Army of the Republic, there was no such organization as a pression by his words and acts that Department, especially in his State. 1 April 1, 1866.

"General Orders, No. 1.

"The following-named officers are hereby announced on duty at these of the control of the Republic in the State of the Chic.

The Districts and Posts of the Grand Army men. He never spoke of any Post organizations. The whole tenor of his conversation was in lament-

take to it.' (Gen. Mather was the Commander of Post No. 2.) Gen. Webber said: 'You Hoosiers are the boys to to join the regiment in North Carolina, take hold of it.' He doubted if Dr. Gen. Potts mustered in Post No. 1 Stephenson could make a success of it. D. C. and Chief of Staff, and had at that time organized 50 Posts and Districts.)"

The report goes on to say: "At the time of the organization of April 6, Post No. 1, at Decatur, Ill., Capt. M. F. Kanan, commanding, and District of Macon, Col. Isaac C. Pugh, and gave them the obligation of the coived from any person officer or body and gave them the obligation of the ceived from any person, officer or body The charter of Post No. 1 is as fol- Order. I appointed Gen. J. K. Proudfit of men assuming to be or to represent

> The only warrant for Gen. Foster was the request of Dr. Stephenson to from his residence, and placed in Gen. Foster's hands, saying, "Organize it in

The report goes on to say:

"Gen. R. S. Foster was elected Department Commander of Indiana in August, 1866, and his General Order No. 1 was issued Aug. 20, 1866. At this time he was the first Department Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic in existence. Assistant Adjutant-General of the Under this authorization 14 societies, Grand Army, having been appointed day of April, 1866.

"B. F. Stephenson, Commanding Dethe Department of Wisconsin formally ganization, for after the National Organization was affected he served in that capacity."

The report says:

Paul, Minn., and organized the Depart-this Order, upon the wonderful genius

What are the facts? At that date, Aug. 20, 1866, the foldelegates from 14 Posts in Department Encampment assembled

Illinois.-Instituted April 1. Dr. B. "II. The duties of Assistant Post Commander are those of a Vice-President.

"III. It will be the duty of the Post Surgeon to examine and report on all cases presented for charity and assistance from the Post.

"IV. The Post Chaplain will be president.

June 27 we issued Special Order, No. 15, authorizing Capt. Stephen Ogden to establish Districts and Posts in the State of Tennessee.

July 2. I went to Missouri with Gov. Oglesby and Gen. Logan to attend a great patriotic meeting there. At the Lindell Hotel I organized the Department Commander; Jules C. Webber, Assistance from the Post.

"IV. The Post Chaplain will be president of Missouri, appointing Gov."

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all returns, and report to these Head-quarters until otherwise ordered.

"Gen. Gresham will report the names of officers and charter members of Districts and Posts established by him to these Headquarters, and will issue to them a certificate of organization, which will be forwarded by them with their application for a charter.

Maj. John W. Scott, Maj. U. M. Wilson, and three athers, who elected Gen. R. S. Foster Bepartment Commander and Maj. O. M. Wilson, Adjutant-General. Under the sour of a coming election so vividly set forth by Maj. Wilson in "By order of B. F. Stephenson, Com-anding Department."

"By order of B. F. Stephenson, Com-diana, these comrades gave themselves Robert Mann Woods, Adjutant-Gen- to the work of organization with a vim, and, as Maj. Wilson says, "Under the leadership of my superior officers, the Talbot says "the official records must be ter of instructions and a batch of Constitutions and Rituals. Gen. Gresham wrote that he could not find time to Oliver P. Morton." "This is what the organize, and suggested the substitu-tion of Col. A. J. Hawhe in his place.

The National Headquarters of the Grand Army at Springfield had organized six Departments. It had no money The officers worked for nothing and

> partments. The Department of Indiana, organizing so late, had printed a good supply of all the printed matter, and had it on hand then, and at the first Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic at Indianapolis, Nov. 20, 1866. The Whole Claim of Indiana.

In this fact lies the whole claim of ment, commanding the District, I as- States and all comers with printed mat- miles, capturing three stands of colors titled to the credit of organizing the G. A. R. in the whole country! I pass by the fact that in 1870 the dismounted. Grand Army of the Republic disappeared from the State of Indiana and bridges were prepared and sharpshootwhen Edgar D. Swain, Department sounded these three detachments, vie-Chamberlain, Department Inspector of (Tyler's Brigade, C. S. A.) near Eto Illinois, again organized the Depart- wah Creek, Ga., were recaptured by ment of Indiana. The Post at Terre the 7th Ky. Cav. at Fort Tyler, Ga., Haute was Post No. 51 of Illinois. The April 16, 1865. Post at South Bend was Post No. 64 of Illinois, Aug. 11, 1879. Gen. Swain Commanding, Second Brigade, First Diappointed Capt. John B. Hagar Pro- vision.' visional Commander and Jay Cumming was formally organized Oct. 1, 1879.

The preposterous claim that Gen. Department Commander and that Maj. page 432, says: Under Its First Constitution and Ritual," in which he reiterates the statements, which were evidently made without knowledge of the actual facts by the men who signed the Indiana reby the men who signed the Indiana results for the Republic, can only be accounted for the Republic, the Republic, the Republic for the States, or, depending upon lapse of enemy's guns, securing the turnpike and ing of your regiment, but I must hast- using their sabers and guns freely, and which are so unwarranted by the his- the Department of Illinois, electing me by any one claiming authority. Such claim honors which did not belong to a short, sharp contest surrendered to of the 1st Minn Battery. It is a great little fester than they liked to a short of the 1st Minn Battery. It is a great little fester than they liked to a short of the 1st Minn Battery. It is a great little fester than they liked to a short of the 1st Minn Battery.

exercised by Stephenson. Returning to But to make this claim in 1901, 15 under the form of the Constitution I hundreds of living witnesses who can by their commander, and did not honor had brought from Maj. Stephenson. (Oh, he got a Constitution.) Our names rise to astonishment and indignation. "Now, let us see what the commander Springfield along in July. He says: ranted by the well-known history of the formation of the Grand Army of Tyler. the Republic.

Another Young Soldier Heard From. On the subject of young soldiers in Uncle Sam's armies during the civil war, Basile Holstine, South Boardman, Mich., says he was born in 1846 and enlisted in 1862, at Springfield, O., in der Gen. Ellett, on board the Baltic, and served until Feb. 1, 1865. He then went to Kalamazoo, Mich., and enlisted in Co. M, 1st Mich. Cav., and was sent where he remained until the close of the war. After the Grand Review at Washington the 1st Mich. was ordered to Utah to escort stages and protect them from hostile Indians, being finally mustered out at Detroit, June 30, 1866. The writer would be glad to hear from

his war-time comrades. Gen. Sheridan's Famous Ride.

Editor National Tribune: I read an article in The National Tribune of Sept. 21, from G. W. Mattoon, of Duron, the Grand Army of the Republic.'

"There was absolutely no 'authority' Gen. Sheridan on his famous ride Oct. or constituted body, to whom application could be made."

Mich., inquiring what troops guarded oct. If the sheridan on his famous ride Oc rode for the first 10 miles till they met two stands of U. S. colors which had one of the staff, who told of the defeat of his army. Sheridan turned to the officer in command of the troop and told him to pick out 50 of the best horses to follow him, and form a skirmish line with the rest. Out of the 50 the staff of t there were only seven kept up with rade, Capt. Billingsley, say that my regi-Sheridan. Franklin Beaver, of Co. H, ment, the 7th Ky. Cav., was not at the was one of them. He came home in capture of Fort Tyler? June, '65, sick, and died July 1, 1865. There was none of Sheridan's staff with made the claim that he 'sounded the him. He was on his way back from last bugle charge of the war,' and you Washington, arriving at Winchester the have said most positively in two letters night before.—C. P. Mears, Co. H, 17th 'that neither he nor his regiment were Pa. Cav., Newberry, Pa.

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failure of almost every other treatment in stubborn cases, he feels that he ought to place in the hands of every suffering man and woman this simple, alive today and for the sacred memory "April 13, Post No. 3, Morris, Col. H. expedient. I felt so sure that Michigan would be organized that I did not make a personal visit to that State, and it was not organized as a Depart-object to be obtained does not seem to object to be obtained does not seem to object to be obtained for the last object to be obtained for the l

CAPTURE OF FORT TYLER. Official Records Show That the 7th Ky.

Cav. Was There. Comrade H. H. Talbot writes from Crawfordsville, Ind., to say that he has the contrary notwithstanding. Comrade First Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, Wilson's Raid.'

fore West Point and carried that strong position by assault. I inclose reports of my subordinate commanders.'
"Col. O. H. La Grange, who commanded our brigade, in his report, dated Macon, Ga., May 4, 1865, says: 'On the morning of April 12 the brigade entered Montgomery, the 4th Ky. having taken possession at daylight. After passing through the city the 7th Ky. Cay, encountered 700 of the enemy un-Indiana. They did furnish the other der Gen. Buford and drove them eight ter, and on this simple fact they make and 30 prisoners. At 1:30 p. m. on the the astounding claim that they are en- 16th the remainder of the brigade arrived in front of Fort Tyler. The 1st Wis., 2d Ind. and 7th Ky. advanced and

'The ditch being found impassable, was not heard of again until in 1879, ers posted, and when the charge was Commander of Illinois, Gen. Joseph S. ing with each other, rushed forward and Reynolds, Past Department Comman- entered the fort. Two U. S. flags (regider of Illinois, and Comrade E. W. mental colors) captured by the enemy "'Signed, O. H. La Grange, Colonel

"The part I quote from Col. La Adjutant-General, and the Department Grange's report can be found on pages 428, 429 and 430. "Col. Lamson, 4th Ind. (Capt. Bil-Foster was, on Nov. 20, 1866, the only lingsley's regiment), in his report, on

the remainder of the brigade. "This report of Col. Lamson was writyears after the whole question had ten a few days after the fight. Had he Macauley, Schlager, Dobbs, Scott, Rit- been settled by the National Encamp- in that short time forgot the gallant ter and two or three others, and they ment on the most irrefragable docu- charge of the mule squadron and the elected me Department Commander mentary proofs, and while there are special detail made to Capt. Billingsley

"Then Maj. O. M. Wilson went to are foolish and wicked and unwar- two letters to the press that 'my regiment was not at the capture of Fort

> "To be brief, our first Colonel, John K. Faulkner, was wounded at Franklin, Tenn., and died afterwards of that wound. Our Lieutenant-Colonel, W. W. Bradley, was wounded just four days before the fight at Fort Tyler, so Maj. A. S. Bloom was in command of the regiment. His report was made at Macon, Ga., May 2, 1865. I quote in part Co. H, 105th Ohio. He was discharged from the record (page 435) to show that enlisted at the same time and place in all our regiment was there and did business in that little gun play. He says: I was ordered to prepare to fight on foot. I dismounted and formed the regiment, and then was instructed to engage the enemy on the right (that piaced our regiment between the 4th placed our regiment between the 4th Ind. and the fort). When we got within 50 yards of the fort I ordered the men to commence firing. Immediately afterwards I placed sharpshooters near the fort, which had a telling effect, completely silencing a large piece of artilthe fort, which had a telling effect, com-pletely silencing a large piece of artil-lery on the right of the fort. After a fight raging furiously for over two hours I was directed to charge the fort. I ordered the men to prepare themselves with boards to cross the ditch. This being done and everything ready, the brigade bugle sounded the charge, dan from Winchester to the front. They and went over into the fort, capturing

> > "Comrade Biehn, of my regiment

"I saw the remainder of this fight from a house-top where a detachment of sharpshooters of the 7th Ky. Cay. were stationed to shoot at anything that moved in the fort. I saw Gen. Tyler on crutches make a last valiant effort to rally his men just before he was shot to earth never to rise again. Forty er), East Hampton, Conn., wishes all years have passed. With the long lost who are suffering from any kidney or years many of the dear comrades that years many of the dear comrades that bladder diseases that if they will send fought side by side with you and I lie their address to him, he will without asleep today in their 'windowless palany charge whatever direct them to the perfect home cure he so successfully stand, as it were, in a graveyard of memories. What little rank and honor Knowing, as he so well does, the I got in the army came largely from the

The fronclad nerve of that aggregation of former men in blue known as "Sherman's Bummers" has become proverbial. One of the "bummers," Frank Lowe, of Oklahoma City, O. T. produced official records to show that Miller, of Council Grove, Kan., tells of his regiment—the 7th Ky. Cav.—was in how he (Lowe) purloined a horse from at the capture of Fort Tyler, Ga., the Kilpatrick's Cavalry. He says he would statement of Capt. H. M. Billingsley to like to meet the trooper who owned the horse. Comrade Lowe says: "I was a kid then, being in my 16th year." the morning after he had stolen the accepted as historical facts. The sev- horse he rode it boldly through Kilpateral officers' reports from which I quote rick's camp and the owner claimed the are taken from 'Series 1, Volume 49, animal, but all Lowe's fellow-bummers were witnesses for him that he had the

horse several days.

"So we left the horseless cavalryman "Gen. McCook, commanding our divi- with his gun and saddle crying for his sion, says in his report, pages 417 and horse, but, kid-like, I laughed at him and rode on. I would have taken his that an eminent Southern doctor-divine, 418: 'On the 16th of April Col. La saddle when I stole his horse, but he J. W. Blosser by name, has discovered a Grange, with his brigade, appeared beself honestly. While the mule was very advertising Dr. Blosser uses his money by the rightful owner of the horse, I free and let the results speak for them made the swap. I kept the mule until self.

marching through Georgia."

The 32d Ohio.

Warner Mills, Secretary of the Regimental Association of the 32d Ohio, Co-Davidson Christie: Constantinople, "British Postoffice,

Turkey, Oct. 1, 1905. Warner Mills, Esq., Secretary, Columbus. Ohio.

"My Dear Comrade: I owe many thanks for your very kind letter of Sept. 11, and the report of the meetimental Association is so flourishing. Give my love to all the boys, especially to the V. V's. Do try to find what became of Hill and McLean, of Co. B. Surely, you have some men who can tell me something about them. I wish you would send me a history of the were enrolled upon our charter. (Oh, The claims of Indiana in the report of my regiment says in denial of that regiment. The work of the College is approved by its Encampment of 1901 positive assertion of Capt. B., made in pressing me hard, or you should have a longer letter, but I should be delightto hear from you again or from others of the dear old comrades. My home and work are in Tarsus, Asia Minor, where St. Paul was born, but my Postoffice address is British Postoffice, Constantinople, Turkey. "Yours in the good old bonds-

Thomas Davidson Christie." With Sheridan on the Firing Line. Hustontown, Pa., and says: been a subscriber to your valuable pa-Union soldiers were his Aids that day, Editor National Tribune.

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